

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2007 which set a three-month period for response. Filed herewith is a Request for a Two-month Extension of Time, making this amendment due by July 9, 2007.

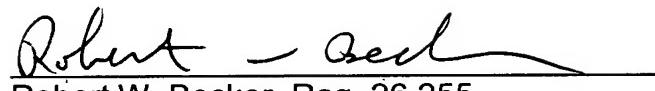
Claims 1, 3-6 and 13-15 are pending in the application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5-7 and 11 over Ravid, claims 3 and 4 over Ravid in view of Gerber, claim 13 over Ravid in view of Dunn and claims 14 and 15 over Ravid in view of Neal. Applicant has therefore amended claim 1 to incorporate therein the subject matter of non-rejected claim 8 (as well as claim 7 upon which claim 8 depended). It is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended should now be in condition for allowance.

With regard to the cited references, applicant would like to note that these references provide static designs that provide hard structures for deflecting energy. In contrast, the composite system as defined in applicant's amended claim 1 provides a dynamic structure that is adapted to move and thus to absorb energy.

In view of the foregoing discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the application in its amended state should now be in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call from the Examiner in order to address any outstanding issues and to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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